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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG INITIATIVE

1. FRG EMBASSY HAS JUST DELIVERED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO SECRETARY, IN RESPONSE TO
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 14 CONCERNING THE TANK ARMY/
FIVE DIVISIONS ELEMENT OF MBFR INITIATIVE: BEGIN TEXT (FRG
EMBASSY TRANSLATION): QUOTE DEAR CYRUS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 14, 1977 IN WHICH YOU COMMENTED ON OUR
MBFR-INITIATIVE AND MORE PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTION OF
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MODIFICATION OF THE WESTERN DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A
SOVIET TANK ARMY.
I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT IT IS PREFERABLE IF OUR INITIATIVE
FOR NATO ALSO IN THIS QUESTION IS A UNIFIED ONE. WE HAVE
DISCUSSED THE MATTER IN THE COURSE OF THE VISIT OF THE
BRITISH PRIME MINISTER AND OF DAVID OWEN IN BONN. OUR
BRITISH FRIENDS AGREED THAT WE LIMIT OURSELVES TO THE OPTION

THEY ALSO PREFER(68000 MEN AND 1700 TANKS INCLUDING 5 DIVISIONS).

WE NOW INTEND TO INTRODUCE OUR INITIATIVE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1977 IN BRUSSELS.

I TAKE IT THAT YOU AGREE. SINCERELY, SGD HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER. END TEXT

2. YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER FROM THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:
BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HANS DIETRICH:

I WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 19, AND TO LEARN THAT IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND DAVID OWEN YOU HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A UNIFIED POSITION WITH US BEHIND ALL ELEMENTS OF THE NEW INITIATIVE.

I AM DELIGHTED YOU PLAN TO INTRODUCE YOUR INITIATIVE IN BRUSSELS OCTOBER 20. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AS YOUR INITIATIVE DEVELOPS FURTHER IN ALLIANCE COUNCILS. BEST WISHES, CY END TEXT.

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